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1. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO PARA 5 OF REFTEL REQUESTING DEPT'S PRELIMINARY REACTION TO DA COSTA'S VIEW THAT A NEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MECHANISM, PREFERABLY A SMALL SELECT GROUP OF KEY COUNTRIES CHOSEN BY AND RESPONSIBLE TO UNGA, BE ESTABLISHED TO FOLLOW UP ON PLANNING, COORDINATION AND MONITORING THE DECISIONS MADE BY UNCSTD.

2. IT IS OF COURSE PREMATURE TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY OF MECHANISMS TO CARRY OUT UNCSTD DECISIONS WHEN IT IS NOT AT

ALL CLEAR WHAT UNCSTD DECISIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES REASONABLE POSITION WOULD BE TO MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY IN CONTEXT OF CERTAIN GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

3. AT PRESENT DEPT BELIEVES THAT EXISTING UN BODIES (ECOSOC, COMMITTEES TWO AND FIVE OF UNGA) AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH APPLICATION OF S AND T TO DEVELOPMENT ARE PROBABLY CAPABLE OF ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH NEW MULTILATERAL PROGRAMS THAT MIGHT EMERGE FROM UNCSTD. CONSIDERATION OF ANY POSSIBLE NEW INTER-

NATIONAL MECHANISMS MAY ONLY ARISE IF THE CHARACTER AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF ANY RELEVANT UNCSTD RECOMMENDATIONS INDICATE THAT EXISTING BODIES ARE INCAPABLE OF MEETING NEW REQUIREMENTS.

4. AT SAME TIME IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONVEY TO DA COSTA THAT US IS BASICALLY OPPOSED TO ANY NEW MECHANISM OR

INSTITUTIONS WHICH MAY BE PROPOSED TO CARRY OUT THE DECISIONS OF THE UNCSTD UNLESS IT IS OBVIOUS THAT EXISTING BODIES CAN NOT FULFILL THE NEED. THEREFORE, ANY PROPOSALS FOR NEW MECHANISMS MUST BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY FILL A RECOGNIZED VOID, AND DO NOT DUPLICATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES ALREADY CARRIED OUT WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UN, OR CAN BE CARRIED OUT BY ADJUSTMENTS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXISTING BODIES. FURTHERMORE, ALL SUGGESTED ADDITIONS OR CHANGES MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH DEVELOPMENTS EMERGING FROM THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

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